

Police Cadet Program Called 'Successful'

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"There were a few reservations when we first started, but now the program is thoroughly accepted throughout the entire department." The speaker was Sgt. Ray Silagy and he was talking about Torrance's little-publicized but highly successful Police Cadet program.

The objective of the cadet program is to instruct qualified young men in the functions of the various sections of the Torrance Police Department so they can better serve the department as police of-

ficers. The program began in October, 1965. The first four cadets in the program will complete their training this year.

The program was started by Police Chief Walter R. Koenig and is under the guidance of Lt. Joe Nash, commander of personnel and training. Sergeant Silagy is the training supervisor.

Although Torrance is not the first city in the area to have a police cadet program, the local program now ranks among the best, Sergeant Silagy said. At the outset a survey was made of cadet pro-

grams throughout the nation and attempts have been made to improve on them. The program is constantly being updated and revised. An intensified shooting program has just been added.

To be eligible for the cadet program an applicant must be a full-time college student majoring in police science or a related field, such as law or criminology. The prospective cadet must have at least a "C" average in his college work. He can enter the program any time after his 18th but not later than his 20th birthday.

The prospective cadet goes through an extensive screening process. After an interview with Sergeant Silagy, he must take a written exam, a physical exam, a psychiatric exam, an agility test, and another oral interview. A background check is made. If these tests are satisfactorily completed the applicant is put on an eligibility list and becomes a cadet when openings occur.

The department has just been allotted two more cadet positions. Since the original four will complete their training this year, there will be a

total of six openings in 1967.

When an applicant becomes a cadet, he is required to work 20 hours each week at the police station. These hours are adjusted to fit his college schedule and he is paid \$2.92 per hour.

The cadet spends a specified amount of time working in each section of the police department during the course of his training. Each cadet is evaluated by the supervisor of the section in which he works. The cadets are re-evaluated monthly on the basis of their on the job performance and their school

progress. Although they enter the program at different times each cadet will spend an average of two years in the program.

The cadet who successfully completes his training is encouraged and expected to apply for a position with the Torrance Police Department. They do not, however, automatically become members of the force. Each cadet must take the same tests which are given to any new applicant. No special consideration is given a cadet and he must take the 16-week basic training if he is appointed a po-

lice officer. Pay and benefits are the same as any new officer. The ex-cadet's chief advantage is a thorough and complete working knowledge of the Torrance Police Department, Sergeant Silagy said.

As rigid as the requirements are, Silagy said, he has no trouble getting new applicants. He has discussed the program and its benefits at high school and college career days throughout the area and applicants are referred to him by police science coordinators at area colleges.

ANN LANDERS



They're Sick Chicks

Dear Ann Landers: My mind is so fogged up over this thing I no longer trust my own judgment. I hope you can help.

Mother, who is in her late 60's, has been fooling around for three years with a man 35. He has made a complete fool of her and it is obvious to everyone that she has been keeping him. She bought him a car, outfitted him at a leading men's store, paid attorney's fees to keep him out of jail and she is supporting his alcoholism.

This man is rotten through and through and we are certain he will toss Mother aside when her money is gone. She knows how we feel because my sister and I have told her. Yet she continues. Is there anything we can or should do to help her?—SICK AT HEART SON

Dear Son: You cannot force help on a person who doesn't want it. The man is sick, and so is your mother. The more I see of people who louse themselves up, the more thoroughly persuaded I become that the sick chicks find each other. Whenever you see a seemingly well-adjusted person involved with an oddball, make up your mind that the seemingly well-adjusted one has developed a good facade. Underneath he is a little off kilter, too, or he would not tolerate the abuse.

Dear Ann Landers: In a recent column you said, "Sixteen-year-old boys are not thinking about love and marriage. They are thinking about sex."

Why limit it to 16-year-old boys? That statement applies to over half the male population of our country, whatever age.

I was engaged to a man 38. He was in the Navy. When I wrote him that I was three months' pregnant he got himself transferred and I am still waiting to hear from him. That was five years ago.

Recently I read some excellent advice for single women. It was written by a physician. He said, "When an unmarried woman tells me that her boyfriend wants to get intimate and asks me what to do, I suggest that she ask him to sign a piece of paper saying he slept with her on such and such a date. When he refuses, which he most assuredly will, she should ask him why."

I wish I had read that advice long ago.—SORRY

Dear Sorry: Thank you for a fine suggestion. I'd like to hear from the girls in my reading audience who try this out. What did he say?

Dear Ann Landers: Last night, your column about a woman who stole from relatives—towels, ashtrays, trading stamps, anything in sight—was discussed at a party. I felt my face get hot. This has happened to me before. Whenever the subject of stealing is raised I become flustered and ill at ease.

I have never stolen a thing in my life. My stepfather was such a fanatic about honesty that I never would have dared. Yet I get these horrible guilt feelings whenever stealing is brought up. I am sure people must suspect that my conscience is killing me. I need someone who is smarter than I am to explain why an innocent person should feel guilty.—BAFFLED

Dear Baff: Guilt feelings can be triggered in strange and mysterious ways. You may never have stolen a thing in your life but you do feel guilty about something. It is these feelings that surface and make you feel uncomfortable.

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CHECK IN . . . Motor Officer Richard M. Humphry instructs Cadet Stephen J. Packard, 21, on operation of the two-way radio which keeps the motor officers in contact with the dispatcher at the station. Cadet Packard, a senior at Cal State Long Beach, placed first in a field of 13 applicants and will be inducted as an officer on Feb. 1.



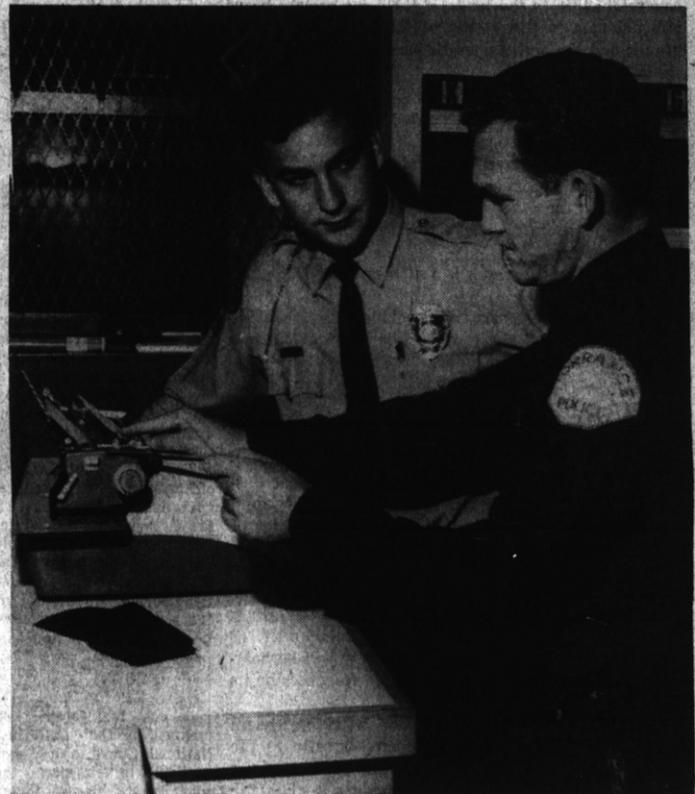
MARKSMANSHIP . . . Cadet Nathan Manske, one of four cadets who have been undergoing a carefully designed training program with Torrance Police Department, practices firing his .38-caliber special revolver on the indoor range at the Torrance police station on the civic center. The 20-year-old cadet is a sophomore at El Camino College majoring in police science.

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PAPER WORK . . . Being a police officer involves a certain amount of paper work and here Cadet Richard Silagy watches as Officer Edmund R. Ahlstrom explains the proper methods of booking a prisoner. Silagy, 20, is majoring in police science at El Camino College.



CLASSROOM WORK . . . Sgt. Raymond L. Silagy, training officer assigned to the Torrance Police Department cadet program, instructs four cadets in the operation of a police department tape recorder during an early morning briefing session. Seated from left

are Richard Silagy, Richard Klaus, Stephen Packard, and Nathan Manske. The sessions are part of the 20-hour week the cadets spend at the station in various police activities.